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1. The Argentine Federal Police have used the fracas which preceded the scheduled opening of the Third Slav Congress of Argentina on 23 March 1949 as a pretext for cracking down on Slav Communist organizations. The shouts of "Viva Tito" and "Down with Tito" which precipitated the fighting were allegedly begun by police agents. This incident constituted the initial step taken by police authorities to abolish Communist-dominated Slav organizations.
2. For the purpose of justifying repressive measures against the Communist groups, the police recently requested anti-Communist Slav organizations to protest against the activities promoted by Slav Communists and to denounce the activities of the Union Eslava. Several anti-Communist Slav groups complied with this request.
3. The Federal Police have ordered every Yugoslav organization to submit a list of its members over 22 years of age, together with their identification cedula.
4. Colonel Enrique Pedro Gonzalez, Director of Immigration, recently began an investigation of the files of all immigrants who are from Soviet satellite countries or who are members of Slav organizations.
5. It is expected that suppressive measures will also be taken against the Communist Party of Argentina (CPA) and that the activities of other Communist parties active in Argentina will be curtailed. It is rumored in government circles that this movement will be coordinated by Dr. Manuel Fresco, former governor of the province of Buenos Aires and an ardent Nazi-Fascist sympathizer who is now employed in the Secretariat of Transportation. The Argentine Army has given its full support to this anti-Communist campaign.

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